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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - ROLE OF NONALIGNED; BREZHNEV DOCTRINE

REF: A) BELGRADE 310 - NOTAL B) USUN 81 - NOTAL

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: RESOLUTIONS AND DEBATE IN COMMITTEE I
DURING 31ST UNGA ON AGENDA ITEM 33 "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY"
(SIS) INCLUDED LANGUAGE CONTRARY TO CONCEPT OF BREZHNEV
DOCTRINE. IN CONNECTION WITH REQUEST BY EMBASSY BELGRADE
(REF A) FOR BRIEF ELABORATION OF POINT MADE IN REF B THAT,
"ON SIS, THE NONALIGNED OPPOSED CONCEPT OF BREZHNEV
DOCTRINE," IT MAY BE NOTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA, AND OTHER NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES MADE UP VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE COSPONSORS
OF BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN CONNECTION WITH SIS AT 31ST
UNGA. ADDITIONALLY, YUGOSLAVIA'S SPEECH DURING SIS DEBATE
STRESSED NONALIGNED VIEW THAT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS
COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DEVICES SUCH AS
"BALANCE OF POWER" AND "SPHERES OF INTEREST." OF
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FURTHER INTEREST IN THIS REGARD, ROMANIA'S
SIS SPEECH QUOTED SOME OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S
WORDS REFERRING STRONGLY TO "RESPECT FOR NATIONAL
INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY." DURING BREZHNEV'S
VISIT TO ROMANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NONALIGNED CANDIDATE

GRENADA, THE COSPONSORS OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE I UNDER THE SIS ITEM WERE MEMBERS OF THE NONALIGNED. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED IN PLENARY AS RESOLUTION 31/91 (XXX) AND ENTITLED "NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES" WAS COSPONSORED IN COMMITTEE I BY ALGERIA, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CHAD, CUBA, EGYPT, GHANA, GRENADA, GUYANA, INDIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KUWAIT, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NEPAL, RWANDA, SRI LANKA, THE SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND ZAMBIA. THE OTHER ADOPTED IN PLENARY AS RESOLUTION 31/92 (XXX) AND ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTATION OF TH DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" WAS COSPONSORED IN COMMITTEE I BY ALGERIA, CYPRUS, EGYPT, GRENADA, INDIA, IRAQ, MALTA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, SRI LANKA, SYRIA, TUNISIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. RESOLUTION 31/91 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PRE-AMBULAR PARAGRAPH THE SENSE OF WHICH WAS COUNTER TO BREZHNEV DOCTRINE CONCEPTS: "REAFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF ITS PEOPLE, FRE FROM OUTSIDE INTER-FERENCE, COERCION OR THREAT IN ANY FORM."

4. SAME RESOLUTION INCLUDED FOLLOWING RELEVANT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS: (A) "REAFFIRMS THE IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALIENABLE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVRY STATE TO DETERMINE FREELY, AND WITHOUT ANY FORM OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, THEIR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;"

(B) "DENOUNCES ANY FORM OF INTERFERENCE, OVERT OR COVERT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, INCLUDING RECRUITING AND SENDING OF MERCENARIES, BY ONE STATE OR GROUP OF STATES AND ANY ACT OF MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, OR OTHER FORM OF INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, REGARDLESS OF THE CHARACTER OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS OR THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM;"

5. RSOLUTION 31/92 INCLUDED FOLLOWING RELEVANT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS:

(A) "ALSO CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO EXTEND THE PROCESS OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, WHICH IS STILL

LIMITED BOTH IN SCOPE AND GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT, TO ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, IN ORDER TO HELP BRING ABOUT JUST AND LASTING SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES SO THAT PEACE AND SECURITY WILL BE BASED ON EFFECTIVE RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY FREELY AND WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, COERCION OR PRESSURE;"

(B) "REAFFIRMS ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY THREATS OR USE OF FORCE, INTERVENTION, AGGRESSION, FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND MEASURES OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COERCION WHICH ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF STATES;"

6. DURING THE COMMITTEE I DEBATE ON SIS, YUGOSLAVIA
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AND BULGARIA SPOKE IN SEQUENCE. BOTH YUGOSLAVIA'S DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MUJEZINOVIC AND BULGARIA'S CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UN AND DISARMAMENT DIVISION TODOROV DREW ON THE COLOMBO NONALIGNMENT SUMMIT TO HELP MAKE THEIR POINTS. MUJEZINOVIC SAID IN PART: "AT THEIR FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE THE NONALIGNMENT COUNTRIES STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THAT PEACE AND RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION COULD NOT BE SECURED THROUGH THE POLICY OF BALANCE OF POWER, SPHERES OF INFLUENCE, RIVALRY BETWEEN POWER BLOCS, MILITARY ALLIANCES, AND THE ARMS RACE."

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7. TODOROV, ON THE OTHER HAND, USED COLOMBO LANGUAGE AIMED MORE SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE WEST. QUOTING DIRECTLY FROM COLOMBO DOCUMENTS HE SAID: "THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS, WHICH IMPERILLED WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, WAS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, ZIONISM, RACISM AND OTHER FORMS OF ALIEN DOMINATION WHICH ENDEAVOR TO HINDER THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION OF NATIONS AND TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING PATTERN OF UNJUST AND UNEQUAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THEREBY DENYING PEOPLES THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION."

8. DURING SIS DEBATE, ROMANIA TOO REMINDED GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING BREZHNEV DOCTRINE CONCEPT. IN THAT CONNECTION, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPARTMENT NEAGU SPOKE IN PART AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE SPEECH DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA OF LEONID BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, PRESIDENT NIKOLAE CEAUSESCU STATED:
'PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE, ROMANIA IS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD AND TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF NEW PRINCIPLES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, BASED ON EQUAL RIGHTS, RESPECT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, AND RENUNCIATION OF THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE IN INTER-STATE RELATIONS.' ROMANIA URGES THAT THESE PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE GENERALLY OBSERVED IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE, FOR ONLY THEY CAN INSURE A NEW POLICY OF EQUALITY AND A STABLE AND JUST PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

8. IN COMMITTEE I, US DELEGATE EXPLAINED OUR VOTES ON THE TWO RESOLUTIONS:

(A) "MY DELEGATION WISHES TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR ITS ABSTENTION
N THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NON-INTER-
FERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. THE UNITED STATES
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. WE BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT THE BEST APPROACH TO ACHIEVING THIS OB-
JECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE
PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, DESPITE
THE INTENTIONS OF ITS COSPONSORS, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO
OBTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE OR TO STRENGTHENING THE
COMMITMENT OF TH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE NON-
INTERFERENCE PRINCIPLE."

(B) "IN 1975 THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION VOTED
AGAINST GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3389 (XXX),
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PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE THAT RESOLUTION CONTAINED A
PARAGRAPH WHICH APPEARS TO SUGGEST THAT TRADITIONAL
PEACEFUL MEASURES OF DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION OF FOREIGN
INVESTMENT OR OTHER LEGAL ACTIONS WHICH A FOREIGN IN-
VESTOR MAY TAKE IN DEFENSE OF HIS RIGHTS COULD CON-
STITUTE "A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-
DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-
INTERVENTION, AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER, WHICH, IF
PURSUED, COULD CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY." THIS PROPOSITION HAS NO BASIS IN
THE CHARTER, INTERNATIONAL LAW OR THE CONTEMPORARY
PRACTICE OF STATES, YET IT IS REPEATED WITHOUT CHANGE IN
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION THAT

IS ABOUT TO BE VOTED ON BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE. WHILE
THERE ARE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH
WHICH WE DO NOT AGREE, IT IS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4
THAT REQUIRES A FIRM NEGATIVE VOTE ON OUR PART. THE
FALSE CONCEPT AND POLEMICAL LANGUAGE OF THAT PARAGRAPH
DEBASE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS WORK PRODUCT. THE
UNITED STATES WILL NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH AN ACTION
OF THIS CHARACTER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE OBJECTIONS
TO CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE TEXT -- IN
PARTICULAR, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8 CONCERNING
SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE REFERENCES IN
THE PENULTIMATE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH TO ACTIONS

TAKEN AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. ACCORDINGLY, DESPITE THE LAST-MINUTE
CHANGES, THE UNITED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/C.1/31/L.42."

9. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES" WAS ADOPTED BY FOLLOWING VOTE IN COMMITTEE I: IN FAVOR 81; AGAINST 0; ABSTAIN 14(US). THE DRAFT "OMNIBUS" RESOLUTION ON "IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" WAS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE I: 103; 1(US); 16. ABSTAINERS ON BOTH INCLUDED EC-9, JAPAN AND ISRAEL. SHERR

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